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Local Matters.

TRROUBLE WITH THE ELECTRIC WIRES.

Several Fire Alarm Boxes and Gongs Burned Out.

The fire alarm and electric light wires, going in contact with each other Tuesday night in Calab's Park, started dangerous damage to several fire alarm boxes and gongs in the second ward and would undoubtedly have resulted in a conflagration, but for the timely discovery by Mr. Leonard. The wires were forced in contact with each other by a guy rope running under the wires from a dock at Mr. Frank Morgan's shop on Calab's Park street. The fire alarm wire, which was then burnt, rested upon the rope and the damp weather caused the rope to shrink and insulation which raised stills wires up to that of the electric light. The electric current of the latter proving the more powerful, fire alarm box 20, on Mr. Lawton's harness store on Marlboro street, two gongs in the Newport Laundry and in Mr. Geo. P. Leonard's residence on Pond avenue, and one going on Mr. Morgan's shop on Calab's Park street, were completely burned out, and boxes 21, 22, 23 and 24 were seriously damaged as to necessitate their being sent to New York for repair.

Mr. Leonard's son coming into the house at a late hour Tuesday night discovered smoke and in searching for the cause found the gong to be on fire. The fact was promptly telephoned to the electric light headquarters and the circuit on this circuit was shut off.

Wednesday night the wires again got together, somewhere in the vicinity of River lane, and a new gong which had been placed in the Newport Laundry was burned out.

The Next Mayor of Providence.

Providence has had a roll-hot fight for a candidate for Mayor. Ever since Mayor Maynard signified his intention to retire to private life at the end of the term, the friends of the various candidates have been putting in heavy work for their favorites. The excitement culminated Thursday night, when the various wards were crowded by the largest numbers ever seen at such meetings. The contest was practically between ex-Mayor Thomas A. Doyle and D. Russell Brown, an enterprising business man of that city. Both sides made a good fight, but the ex-Mayor has apparently won by considerable majority, and will, without much doubt, be the next mayor of Providence. Doyle during the long term he held the office, probably made the best mayor Providence ever had, and his return to the office will be gladly welcomed by the business men and all who wish to see an energetic, intelligent and honest man at the head of the city. As Mayor Hayward made a most excellent successor of Mayor Doyle, so Mayor Doyle will make a most acceptable successor to Mayor Hayward. When Mr. Doyle ratified from office three years ago, we stated that the people would call him back again in two years. We were apparently only one year out of the way.

Fire in Portsmouth.

Yesterday morning at about one o'clock the main building of the Atlantic Oil Works, near the Coal Mine, was totally destroyed, together with the engine house, grano works, etc. The boarding house, stable, boats, etc., were saved. Had the wind blown from the other direction, everything would have burned, as no assistance could be rendered from any fire department.

The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a defective fuse. The works have not been in operation for some two years. Thursday the men were there and got up steam preparatory to clearing out the boilers for winter, and the fire is supposed to have caught from this. These works originally cost some \$80,000, and were now valued at about \$40,000. We are told that there was only \$30,000 insurance on the property. The fire made a very bright blaze and could be seen for a long distance. The alarm was first given by the men engaged in prospecting at the Coal Mines, who blew the whistle of their engine to arouse the neighborhood. A large number of people soon congregated at the scene, but they could render little assistance. The works were owned by the Fall River parties.

Mr. Geo. O. Monroe, one of Newport's well known residents, died in this city, Monday, the 10th inst., in the 73d year of life. Mr. Monroe was the senior member of the late firm of G. O. & W. J. Monroe, which for many years carried on a large West India trade. He was a much respected citizen. He leaves a widow and six daughters. Deceased was born in Bristol, R. I., but resided most of his life in this city.

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THE NEW ASYLUM PROJECT.

No Good Reason for Refraining this Proposition to the Others which have been Voted Down—Be Sure You are Right Before Going Ahead.

On Wednesday next the tax-payers of Newport are to be again called upon to vote on the new asylum question. This time the proposition is to appropriate \$30,000 to buy the Newton lot near Broadway, and build thereon a building such as we fully described in these columns some months ago when it was proposed to buy the Belmont lot. The land which the committee proposes to buy has been twice voted upon before and much thus the proposition was defeated by large majorities. This land is situated on an eminence of the continental celebration of Evolution Day. In that city next Monday, Quartermaster A. A. Barker went to New York last Sunday night to make arrangements and procure accommodations for the company while there. Mr. Barker returned Tuesday morning and made his report at the company's meeting Tuesday evening, when it was voted to remain in New York two days, with headquarters at the Metropolitan Hotel, returning by the Fall River line Wednesday noon.

The company, including the Newport Band, will number one hundred and twenty-five strong, and will leave from Sunday night on the steamer Pilgrim. Arriving in New York the company will take the elevated road to the place of forming and take their place in the line.

Finally the City Council have authority to purchase the John H. Weston lot on Victoria Avenue, in this city, containing about four and a quarter acres of land, for about one thousand dollars, and to build on it a substantial building of brick or stone, a asylum for the poor while building with the old log houses, and a dormitory for the aged, infirm and disabled, and a school for the blind, deaf and dumb, and a hospital for the insane.

The only change of importance in the proposition is in the hands of a different committee and a different architect has prepared the plan, but not for building any embankments which will certainly be required at an early day.

December 20, 1882, just about one year ago, the first asylum proposition was voted down by a vote of 300 to 15. This proposition was defeated because the project was deemed too expensive for Newport and too elaborate. We have cast about for a year, tried several projects and now come back to the old location, with a proposition just as indicative as the first one and almost as expensive. The only change of importance in the proposition is in the hands of a different committee and a different architect has prepared the plan, but it is an open question whether they are any better than the former ones. If the proposition first submitted to the people was so unacceptable we cannot see wherein this is any great improvement over that.

The City Council has been asked times without number to lay this proposition of buying the Frobisher land for asylum purposes, or of disposing of that property in some way before purchasing expensive lots; but the Council have as persistently refused to do anything with this valuable property, consequently the people vote an emphatic "No" on all propositions, and probably will continue to do so until the Council show some disposition to respect their wishes.

The argument is attempted to be used now that the people vote for the proposition now coming before them as the government wants full possession of the island, and the poor must have a home at once. Supposing the government does want the island on the first of January, the poor can be cared for without trouble. There are plenty of people willing to board them through the winter for a loss and that what the present asylum expenses amount to; and even if the proposed proposition should be carried the poor would have to be boarded for a time in the building could not be completed by the first of January. Our advice would be, therefore, to go slow in the matter and not vote for any proposition that are not entirely satisfactory.

Matriominal.

Wednesday evening Mr. Thomas Coggeshall Sherman, the eligible bachelor in this city of the New York & Boston Dispatch Express Company, and Miss Kate S., daughter of Mr. Benj. S. Gossell of this city, were united in marriage, the Rev. Dr. Randolph performing the ceremony. The bridal pair left in the evening for New York and Washington on their wedding tour.

On the same evening Mr. Joseph M. Underwood of Middletown and Miss Rebecca, daughter of Josiah S. Bliss, of this city, were married at the latter's residence on Bay View avenue, the Rev. J. Hollingshead officiating. The happy couple will make their future home in Middletown, where they will have the best wishes of their many friends.

Skating and Dancing at the Rink.

The stockholders of the Olympian Club having voted to close the Skating Rink on December 1st for the winter, the managers have decided to give a grand roller skating party and masquerade ball, on Thanksgiving eve, as a farewell to the most successful season this resort has ever had. There will be skating from 7:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening, when the grand march will take place, and dancing will be continued till two o'clock in the morning. The full New Hampshire Band, Prof. McQuown, leader, will be in attendance, and one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season may be expected.

The new standard time, which should rather be called railroad time, went into effect in this city on Sunday last when everybody except the school officers put their watches and clocks back about fifteen minutes. The schools from some unknown cause refuse to comply with the regulation consequently they begin fifteen minutes before the hour. We can see no good reason for this and think it would suit parents and scholars much better if the standard time were adopted. In all other respects the people of this locality know no difference in the movements of the day or night from the old thus. Our time is now the same as that of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, or Portland; in other words the time of all New England and the Middle States is the same.

Query: Many of our citizens would like to know, why only one firm of plumbers was allowed to rig up on the plumbing for the new Asylum building. There are certainly several good firms in the city, and it was desired to obtain the lowest figures, for the building, we can see no reason why one set of plumbers should have the monopoly.

Kate Field attempted to escape from the State Farm a few days since. She broke from the lines when being mustered to dinner, and hid. Search was made for her and she was discovered behind the wood pile in the yard.

The little steamer Arlesia was sold at auction yesterday to Louis Thos. of Nantucket, for \$10,000. It is said that the Island Island llibellus will get nothing as their claims are at the foot of the list.

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EVACUATION DAY.

Special Meeting—The Tax-payers Again Called Upon to Vote on the Newton Lot.

The Newport Military to Participate in the Great Celebration in New York Monday, the Artillerymen Guests of the 7th Regiment Veterans.

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Poetry.**We Shall Know.**

When the mists have rolled in splendor,
From the beauty of the hills,
And the sunrise, warm and tender,
falls in splendor on the rills,
We may read love's shining letter
in the rainbow of the spray;
We shall know each other better
When the mists have cleared away,
We shall know as we are known,
Never more to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning,
When the mists have cleared away.

If we err in human blunders,
And forget that we are dust,
If we miss the love of kindred,
When we struggle to be just,
Swoop wings of peace still cover.
All the pain that clouds our way,
When the weary world is over,
And the mists have cleared away,
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The Walnut Tree.

BY GEORGE BIRDEYE.

Drop, drop,
From the old tree top
The walnuts fall and roll away,
'Round, 'round;
Through the leaf-strown ground,
Gather them, gather them while you may!
Covered red and yellow and brown,
Beds of all grass, soft as down;
Sheets for their gowns, half as still can be,
Walnuts under the walnut tree.

List to the birds! They call you in song!
"Children, whilst you are sleeping too long!
Wake them, gather them! We can see
Walnuts under the walnut tree!"

"Pull off their coverlets, lad and lass!
Out of their beds in the silky grass,
Wake them and take them; so say we,
Walnuts under the walnut tree!"

"Up in the garret let them be dried,
So many marmalades till Christmas-tide;
Then, by the home-freest feast with glee,
Sing the praise of the walnut tree!"

Drop, drop,
From the old tree top
The walnuts fall and roll away,
'Round, 'round;
Through the leaf-strown ground,
Gather them, gather them while you may!

Selected Tale.**UP THE FLUE.**

"You must have some rare experience to tell us, Mrs. Boswell," said persuasive Lieutenant Russel, while we waited for the small stage. "You have been at this frontier post ever since Capt. Boswell was stationed here?"

"Yes; we have been here eight years," she replied, with the rare smile that glorified her face. "I have passed through many trying ordeals here, but I really think that I had an adventure in the East, before I married the Captain, equal to any that I have experienced."

"Will you relate it, and oblige us?" urged Russel.

"Thank you," said our little hostess; "I don't mind."

Three of us were sitting in an inner apartment of the small frontier hotel. The bar-room was packed with miners, and we had chosen to have our suppers served by ourselves, as we had appointed to go on to Custer City in company.

"It was in '82," she began; "I had just made the acquaintance of Capt. Boswell, as he, having some business matters to arrange with father, had called at our place. Finally there came a rare day in autumn, and he and father were closed the greater part of the day, overhauling papers, memoranda, deeds and receipts. My father at the time was doing a great deal of business as an attorney.

"At tea-time father said to me: 'Bess, you won't mind an evening alone, no long as Thomas is about, will you?'

"I said no, for although there were many robberies being committed in the neighboring cities, private families in the suburbs felt no fear. Our house was a mile from the city proper, and a half mile from neighbors either way.

"We find," he continued, "that the captain has got to hunt up some more papers concerning the estate before he can give Barron a satisfactory title. We shall go to Judge Whitcomb's office and our search may be so successful that 11 o'clock may find us home again. Still, we may be detained longer. Shan't I call and tell your cousin Millie to come down and spend the night with you?"

"No—yes!" I contradicted him. "Do as you please; I am not timid in the least, with Thomas about."

"But Captain Boswell is going to leave \$5000 here until he returns."

"Does any one know about the money?"

"Only ourselves."

"Then I am not afraid. Besides

you are likely to be back before graveyards yawn and thieves do walk abroad."

"Thomas brought the horse around, and while father spoke to him I touched the captain's sleeve:

"Where is your money left?"

"In your father's desk in the library." Then he looked with a tender, inquiring glance into my face (how the little woman's cheeks flushed at the memory), and said: "Little girl, if you are in the least afraid we will not go to night, although it is absolutely necessary."

"I told him, honestly, that I was not afraid. I never had that stratum of timidity in my makeup peculiar to womanhood, and so they rode away.

"I sang about my work as I put things in shape about the room, and viewed the brilliant sunset without a fear or care."

"Thomas, our new man-of-all-work, was very busy pottering about the grounds, tying up the grape-vines and mulching evergreens. I knew there was some cooing aftermath upon the hill that father was anxious to have put on the strawberry beds, and seeing Thomas go up there with his basket I tied a scarf over my head, took another basket and went up to help him.

"As I passed up the hill I saw a man in the highway speak to him. I hesitated about going on, but the man made only a moment's pause and then went down the hill and was soon concealed by a turn in the highway.

"Who was that, Thomas?" I inquired.

"Oh, miss, it was a man from the mills, saying that my brother had had a bad fall on the dam and is below for me to come and see him. His legs are broken entirely."

"What will you do?"

"I told the man I could not come to see him today—but if I went, miss, I would be sure to be back by 11 o'clock, if not earlier."

"You may go, Thomas, if your brother is hurt so bad. Papa will not be away long."

"But, my young lady!"

"Never mind me in such a case as this. I always was tender-hearted. You may go, and I will ruff right back to the house."

"He talked a few minutes more, was profuse in his thanks for my kindness, and then started down for the city. I took up the two baskets and went singing to the house.

"I sat an hour by the open window, enjoying intensely this being alone, and the quiet beauty of this cool autumn evening.

"Perhaps you will wonder at this," and the dimples played about her pretty mouth, "but little birds were singing a new song in my heart, and the quiet let me hear the sweet echoes.

"But directly I abided myself for being rather careless, as the road was a thoroughfare, and a chance straggler might surprise me. I arose, closed my window, and obeying some strange, impressive power, I walked through the hall into the library, took my father's key from its accustomed place, unlocked his desk, found the package of \$5000, and, placing it in my bosom, relocked the door and returned to the sitting room. I did not light a lamp; I had no need of a fire, as that from the kitchen stove warmed the sitting room sufficiently in this mild weather.

"The house was old-fashioned, very, with a fire place in the sitting room opening up into the chimney of capacity sufficient for a foundry stack. We had cheerful open fires later on; but the house was getting dilapidated, and the partition separating the flue in the large chimney had fallen in. Men had been sent out to clear the rubbish and make repairs, but the work, half done, was suspended on account of the arrival of Captain Boswell and this business affair.

"I would have enjoyed immensely to kindle a sparkling fire in the huge wide fire place, but as affairs were I could not. So I mused in darkness for hours. I really took no heed of time, until my quick ear detected the sound of a footfall approaching, close up to the doorstep, I could have taken my oath. It was so light an echo that I sprang to my feet, thinking that my cousin Millie, absent when my father called, and returning later, had come down to stay with me.

"I sprang up with a smile to answer her knock, albeit I was a bit jealous of her pretty face; but no knock came, and the echoes died out, and altogether I concluded I had deceived myself in regard to them. Anyhow I would light the lamp. I did so, and was startled to find it past 10 o'clock. I was sufficiently aroused from my reverie to want a book from the library shelves. I took up my lamp and went singing into the room.

"I obtained the desired volume, stepped down from the stool and—

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"Do you wonder that my brain reels and my heart stopped beating for an instant? Beside, whoever the robber was, he would soon begin work, not knowing how early my father and the captain should return. And I should be murdered. Somewhere within a few yards or few feet of me the robber assassin was concealed—either in the recess behind the cabinet or under the long, draped, paper-covered table.

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For his bride a soldier won her,

And a whining tongue had he.

"I knew that temporary salvation—power and liberty to leave that room, even—depended upon my appearing unconscious of the robber's proximity.

"I got out of the library and found myself in the sitting-room. A hasty glance at the door showed the key absent from the lock.

"Treachery!"

"I wonder that this new revolution did not suffocate me. The man on the highway—the injured brother—Thomas had betrayed us. He had overheard about the money. A robber was in the house and another was outside. My retreat would be cut off. How thoughts ran riot through my mind! How would they kill me? Would I suffer long? At this instant I was sure that I heard a faint crack of the library door at the far end of the long hall.

"One swift, despairing glance around me, one wild idea of escape, and I extinguished the light upon the table, and, crouching in the fireplace, I raised one foot upon the iron trivet, swung out the iron crane, stepped the other foot upon the strong support, and rose up into the flue. Something touched my head. Thank God! It was the rope with which the dislodged bricks had been hoisted out. Grasping this carefully with my hands I held myself like a wedge in the opening. It had envied large, noble looking women before, I now had reason to be thankful for my diminutive form and ninety odd pounds of avodupole.

"I now strove to descend, but the movement brought down bushes of mortar and broken bricks from all sides and clased up the flue. I be-thought me of the rope, and by striking my toes in here and there I went up the chimney hand over hand.

"Agile as a cat, when I reached the top of the low chimney I sprang down upon the roof and began calling loudly for father.

"You should have heard them run through the house and halloo before they located my voice. At last the captain came out of the door.

"Will you get me a ladder, please?" said I, "I want to get down from here."

"A ladder, Jason," shouted the captain, "the little girl is on the roof."

"For the love of heaven, girl, how came you there?" said my father, as I landed upon the ground and began shaking the soot from my clothes.

"I went up there through the chimney, papa. But you had better put up the horse—you will have to groom him yourself to-night—and then I will tell you all about it."

"The captain led me into the house, for I was trembling violently.

"Now," said father, being absent only a moment or two, without letting me have time to mop the soot from my face and hands; "now tell us what this means—my little girl climbing the ridgepole like a cat at midnight!"

"Be cautious," advised a strange voice, "and we may not have to hurt her."

"They carefully retreated, and my heart struck off the seconds against my ribs in a way that was suffocating, for I knew that their search would soon be over, and what then?

"In less than five minutes they were whispering in the room again.

"Confound her!" aspirated Thomas, "she took the money with her."

"Then we'll have it!"

"The pause meant all that words could convey.

"The cold sweat was coming out of every pore of my body. The dust of the creosote had penetrated my mouth and nostrils, and I had to take one hand from the rope in their absence and place a finger upon my lips to prevent sneezing.

"Come, hurry," was the angry watchword exchanged between them, and I heard the stairs creaking as they ascended to my chamber.

"I would have enjoyed immensely to kindle a sparkling fire in the huge wide fire place, but as affairs were I could not. So I mused in darkness for hours. I really took no heed of time, until my quick ear detected the sound of a footfall approaching, close up to the doorstep, I could have taken my oath. It was so light an echo that I sprang to my feet, thinking that my cousin Millie, absent when my father called, and returning later, had come down to stay with me.

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"Your wife has!" exclaimed the puzzled babbardesa.

"Yes. I believe she calls it a divorce suit."

"What, then? Shall we waylay the old man and fix him?"

"They haven't the money; it was left here."

"The cellar," suggested the voice.

"Once more they dashed out, only to return in hot haste now; for there was the trot and rumble of a horse and carriage on the bridge between us and the city.

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The Newport Mercury.

John P. Sanderson, Editor and Proprietor.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1883.

The Republicans do not want to vote for Kaiser for Speaker and yet they don't see how they can help it.

Better go slow next Wednesday and not vote for any proposition until you are satisfied that you have reached the bottom dollar of expense.

The Democrats have nominated Augustus S. Miller for mayor of Providence, and Ziba O. Slocum for Sheriff.

Congress will assemble one week from next Monday when the fun will begin. The Speakership contest will be the big fight to commence with.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving day, made doubly so by the orders of the President and Governor. The day should be observed by all good citizens.

Mahone says that Gorham must be Secretary of the Senate and that himself and colleague will not vote with the Republicans unless Gorham is put to the front. This is bad.

The Southern papers are now giving Butcher's obituary and it is couched in no very polite language. They are apparently rejoiced over his defeat and hope that he is well removed from the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

It is now promised that the "coastal Brooks" will become visible to the naked eye by the night of the 21st Inst., and that its intensity will continue to increase until about the middle of January, but at its best it will not be a very brilliant object in the heavens.

The Cincinnati Enquirer seems to look pretty confidently for the nomination of Tilden and Hendricks once more, and says that the "old ticket" movement has a spontaneous strength which is almost marvelous and that the time is past for treating it lightly or putting it down with sneers.

They have now discovered that New York is premature in her celebration of Evacuation Day. The British flag was not hauled down on Nov. 25, 1783, not till Dec. 3 did the enemy leave the city, hence the hundred years will not be up till December 3, 1883, nevertheless they can have just as good a celebration and call it that the time has fully arrived.

In the Red River valley of the north there is a farm of 65,000 acres owned by a stock company, on which there was raised this year 80,000 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat, weighing sixty-five pounds to the bushel. The cost of raising it was thirty-five cents a bushel. Oats weighed forty pounds to the bushel and cost seventeen cents. All the machinery used is American. This tract is being subdivided into small farms of 218 acres each, on which houses and other requisite buildings are being erected for the tenants, who are managers of the subdivisions, the entire farm being under one general management.

The New Time Explained.

Many people as yet fail to comprehend the principle upon which the new standard time is based. To appreciate this fully it will be necessary to call to mind the lessons taught in our old Geographies, that the earth, circling on its own axis, in one day—arbitrarily divided into twenty-four hours—brought in succession its 360 degrees, of circumference to the light of the sun. That is, one 24th of the 360 degrees, or 15 degrees, would pass in one hour by a certain fixed point in the heavens. Therefore, as you travel westward there would naturally be a difference of time of one hour for every 15 degrees—900 miles—that you traverse. The intermediate localities, one, two, five degrees from the starting point, would have a proportionate difference in time. This was under the old system. Now the standard time system merely wipes out all the differences which existed between the intermediate localities and places them on the same footing, as regards clock time, with the cities on the chosen meridians fifteen degrees apart. The five meridians chosen to set the standard time for North America are the 60th, 75th, 90th, 105th, 120th. Each one of these meridians forms the Central line of an area extending seven and one half degrees on either side, in which the time is the same for all places thus included. The areas thus, in imagination, separated from each other are called respectively, going from east to west, the Intercolonial, which includes all the British colonies east of Maine; the Eastern, which includes the New England States, the Middle States and the Eastern Southern States; the Mountain, which includes, roughly speaking, all States between the Mississippi and the western border of the Rocky Mountains; and the Pacific, which includes all the Western States. Now as each one of these areas covers 15 degrees, it will be seen that the natural difference in time for the centre of these areas would be one hour, so that all places on those central meridians will preserve their true time. The other cities and towns in each area will have as their new time the same time as exists on the central meridian, which will differ from their old, or true time, according to their distance east or west of that meridian.

White House Wear and Tear.

Many people wonder why it costs so much to keep the Executive Mansion in good order. Colonel Rockwell says the "wear and tear" of the furniture exceeds that of any hotel in the country. The "dear public," to the average of \$500 a day, insist upon seeing the White House. They must tread upon the carpets and rest themselves in the tempting chairs. They must examine, with their eyes and fingers, all the upholstery and drapery. When it is remembered that this is repeated every day in the year it will cease to be a matter of wonder that the wear is so rapid. Of course the people of this country would live and die just as happy if they were excluded from the White House, but what a tempest of indignation such a high handed measure would provoke! Those things were paid for by the people and the people are going to see them. All that can be done is to let the people wear 'em out, and then they can pay for more.

Colonel Cochrane's Old War Horse.

Colonel Cochrane's old army horse, "Nell," appeared in line with the tenth veterans at their parade, wearing the same bridle and saddle that she wore in the war, and was led by P. Loneragan, who was originally for Colonel Cochrane in 1863 and 1864. "Old Nell" entered the service in May, 1861, with the Thirteenth Indiana regiment, with which she passed through the West Virginia campaign of 1861, and the Peninsula campaign of 1862. The Colonel bought her in the spring of 1863 and rode her continuously through the campaigns of 1863, 1864, 1865, to the surrender at Appomattox. She was thirty-three years old last June, and is justly entitled to be called a veteran. She was sent home from Richmond with the regiment in June, 1865. She has the mark of several wounds received in the service.

The Change of Time.

The first legal complication arising from the change of time, occurred in Boston Tuesday. On the 13th inst., a notice for the examination of a poor debtor was issued from the office of Commissioner of Insolvency. It was returnable on the 20th inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon. According to custom, the poor debtor is allowed one hour's grace. He appeared before the commissioner at 9:45 o'clock standard time, but the Commissioner ruled that it was after 10 o'clock, and defaulted him. The case will probably be brought before the Supreme Court.

J. Montgomery Sears is one of the youngest of Boston millionaires. He is not yet 30 years of age, and on attaining his majority he received his millions from the administrators of his father's estate. Not long ago he was made the victim of a most surprising attempt at blackmail. This is the first public allusion to the case that has been made, and the detailed facts are almost beyond reach. This much is known, that enormous demands for cash were made, and a plot to place Mr. Sears in a compromising position was laid with great skill. The blackmailer spent some thousands of dollars in preparing it, and carried on a voluminous correspondence with their intended victim, and finally lost all they had risked and fled from the country. The chief of the conspiracy was driven mad by the failure of his great strike for riches, and is now an inmate of an American insane asylum. One or two of the leaders of the conspiracy were the most dangerous of Parisian blackmailers, and part of the plot was laid abroad, and Mr. Sears' detectives were compelled to make one or two trips to Paris before the conspiracy was fully broken up—so says the New York Sun.

This is the way the New York Post discusses the Ohio contest: The Democratic contest over the United States Senatorship in Ohio is likely to be an extremely bitter one. There are many candidates in the field now, but the divisions are likely to be mainly into "old" and "new" Democrats.

The new Democrats are said to be favoring Henry B. Payne, of Cleveland, who is suspected of being Mr. Tilden's choice. The old Democrats favor Durbin Ward, and some of them, curiously enough, favor Pendleton's reelection, although his civil service reform record is directly antagonistic to their theories of government. One of these old Democrats says he and his compatriots distrust Mr. Payne, because when the war came he turned a cold shoulder "to those who kept the Democratic house open." He thinks that the better men of the party are those "who endured the taunts and dings of the Republicans when it took nerve to be a Democrat." This is probably as accurate a description as could be given of a genuine old Democrat.

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The Great Niagara Bridge Completed Monday or Tuesday.

One of the greatest engineering feats of modern times, the first cantilever bridge ever built in America, will have spanned the great chasm, five hundred feet wide, of the Niagara River at Suspension Bridge. The last section of this massive work, which will be placed in position then, will be the keystone of the arch, and will, if necessary, be fitted to a hair to the exact dimensions of the space to be filled. The last pieces are now awaiting the finishing strokes at the Central Bridge Works in Buffalo.

These pieces are expected at the bridge on Monday, and, if they arrive on time, will be put in place on that day. If not in time for Monday, they will be put in place on Tuesday, Nov. 20. There is some work to be done after the crossing is complete, but there is now no doubt that the bridge will be ready for the passage of trains early in December. The bridge has been completed in shorter time than any work of its kind was ever built before. The first work was begun on April 20, just seven months ago. The bridge approaches will not be ready for the tracks by Dec. 10, and the Canada Southern and New York Central roads will have their own bridge over the Niagara.

The children of ex-Governor Swann have entered into a legal contest with his widow as to the distribution of the estate here. His widow, before she was married to Governor Swann, was the widow of ex-Senator Thompson of New Jersey, and was married to Governor Swann late in life.

The jury in the Congdon murder trial at East Greenwich after being out forty-three hours brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Congdon. Congdon has not yet received his sentence.

Judge Cox of the U. S. Supreme Court has set aside the verdict of \$60,000 in favor of Hallett Kilbourn as expressive. The Judge is a man of sense.

How New York is Governed.

The following description of the New York Board of Aldermen by a New Yorker is interesting reading:

"I confess when one looks at our newly elected Board of Aldermen, one must blush for the metropolis. The majority consists of ignoramus, pushing and unscrupulous liquor dealers. There are not more than half a dozen who are in any other business, and one of them is the janitor of a large building in Broadway, while the other is a rag-man, or 'junk dealer,' as he euphoniously styles himself. Of course a janitor may be a worthy man, and a man who buys old clothes and empty bottles, is a necessity in our modern social life."

Still, when one thinks that these people who no doubt are able to sign their names and read ordinary print, are to make laws for an important commercial centre like New York City, it does make one feel ashamed. But such is politics! You are a tax payer and do not care for politics and have perhaps an income of \$10,000 a year. Should you have business about the City Hall you are snubbed, ordered about, and insulted in such a manner as to make you long to get home behind the woodshed and kick yourself. Alongside of you is a sweater of the streets, in dirty blouse and ragged trousers who controls a few votes. That man is a power beside you. A store keeper only a few weeks ago told me his experience. There was an ample woman in front of his store who grew to be a nuisance. He requested her to move, but she refused to do so and threatened him with the tactics of the Board of Aldermen. He insisted, and although an Alderman, a liquor dealer of course, intervened in her behalf she had to go. Then the "Board" forced him to remove his barrels and boxes from the sidewalk, on the ground that they were obstructing the street. I believe that they even found that one of his windows projected an inch further into the street than the law allowed, and forced him to undergo the expense of altering it."

With the election over, there are naturally more warts hearts and empty pockets, than gladness. The beaten candidates outnumber the winners, and the thought of the money spent without gaining the desired end must exert a depressing influence on many. I know of a candidate for Alderman, who last week placed a mortgage of \$6,000 on his house, to meet his expenses. He was beaten and his money is all gone. Another poor devil is so heavily in debt, as he told me himself last evening, he proposed "to farm himself out to his creditors and thus work off his indebtedness." A third one lived in a comfortable little house, and his wife, a pretty little woman, dressed well and had means enough to indulge in liberal donations for charitable purposes.—They are going to give up their little house and take apartments far up town to one of the newly erected shells, called apartment houses where the rent is cheap but the wind bleak.

Bowed up in the lining of the coat of a man whose body was discovered hanging to a tree in woods on Long Island, were two letters, in German, which suggest a world of romance. Translated they read as follows:

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From all Parts of the World.

Malicious Use of Dynamite.

DANVILLE, Ind., Nov. 20.—Early yesterday morning unknown parties inserted dynamite cartridges under the Dowdrop saloon, causing an explosion, which blew the building to pieces and shook the entire town.

The Brooklyn Bridge Disaster.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Judge McAdam to-day dismissed the case of Lizzie Harwin against the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, for \$2000 damages for injuries received by the accident on the bridge on Decoration day last. The complaint is dismissed on the ground that the trustees acted together as a board, and were not therefore individually responsible for injuries received by persons travelling on the bridge, and even if they could be chargeable to neglect in the present case, there was no evidence to show that there was any neglect.

Informer Carey's Assasin.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The Post-Express publishes a letter from a man who says he knew O'Donnell, the murderer of Carey, the informer, a number of years ago. O'Donnell was at that time one of the chiefs of Mollie Maguire of Pennsylvania, and, in conjunction with Dan Kelly, Jim Carroll and a man called "Red Shirt," was implicated in several mysterious "jobs," presumably murders. The three confederates were afterward hanged, and O'Donnell, who formerly called himself Thomas Morris, is the only one at liberty.

A French Brig Snuck.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The American ship "Thomas Davis," from Liverpool, October 22, for New York, landed at Fasal on the 8th twenty-one men, being a part of the crew and passengers of the French brig "Vocager," at St. Pierre Miquelon, for St. Malo, which was sunk by collision on October 30. The remainder of the crew and passengers, numbering 88, perished.

Unsuccessful Thieves.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—A daring attempt was made last night to rob the jewelry store of Edward Dougherty, in Camden. Four men entered as Mr. Dougherty was about to close the establishment and pointed revolvers at his head. Mr. Dougherty struggled with his assailants, and his wife ran into the street and gave an alarm. She was fired at by one of the men, but escaped the shot. The thieves became alarmed and fled, but an officer succeeded in capturing one of them, who gave his name as John Walsh, of St. Louis.

A St. Louis Gun Dealer Hurts a Bank

VICKSBURG, Miss., Nov. 21.—The Mississippi Valley Bank of this city closed its doors this morning, and its affairs were placed in the hands of a receiver. The assignment was caused by the failure of A. K. Burnham & Co., of St. Louis, who have been dealing largely in grain futures.

A Dumb Give Way.

VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 21.—Owing to the heavy rains the dam of the Spring Lake Ice Company, a short distance above this city, burst to-night. Hundreds of houses are flooded, and the Union depot was completely submerged. All the railroads were damaged. The loss is very large.

A Brutal Captain Held on a Charge of Manslaughter.

BOSTON, Nov. 21.—Obadiah Huey, Captain of bark "Florence," was held to-day in the sum of \$1600 on a charge of so beating and ill-treating Steward John Detold, that he died from the effects of his injuries.

Arrest of Ex-Senator Spencer, of Alabama.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 21.—Ex-Senator Geo. E. Spencer, of Alabama, has been arrested here for contempt of court in not appearing in the Star Route cases. Spencer denies eluding the officers. He leaves to-day with two Deputy Marshals for Washington.

Ex-Senator Joseph E. McDonald, of Indiana, is large, clean shaven, bald-headed; has large gray eyebrows and blue eyes; fond of society and walking; lives plainly; admires Conning and Voorhees; has been married three times; attends the Presbyterian Church and the theatre; has a law practice of \$20,000 a year, and does not talk about his chances for the Presidency.

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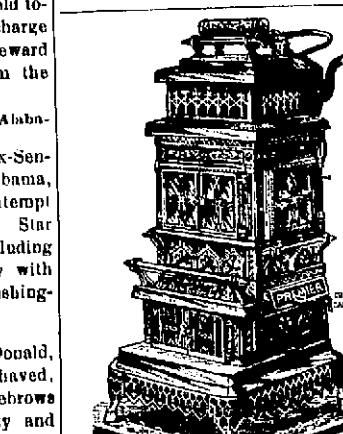
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Miscellaneous.**HOW'S THIS!**

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Farm, Garden and Household.**Litter.**

Litter in stables is required chiefly for the purpose of cleanliness. We cannot afford to use enough to serve as a soft cushion for an animal to lie upon; nor is this required for its comfort. It will rest more easily upon a smooth plank than thin litter, unevenly spread, and to make a really soft bed the straw would need to be a foot deep. Being, then, used for the sake of cleanliness, it is evident that the finer, looser, and more movable it is, the better it is. We have found hard wood sawdust the very best litter for cows, and pine sawdust for horses and pigs. The resinous odor of pine is a safeguard against insect vermin, and is healthful to the lungs. But hard-wood sawdust sooner decays, and is less heating in the manure, and is to be preferred upon these accounts. Three or four inches in depth of clean sawdust under any animal is clean and sweet smelling and very comfortable. With this depth the urine is all absorbed and the solid dung is quickly covered by the movements of the feet, so that it will not soil any animal. For white horses, sawdust is the cleanest litter. Any farmer can afford to pay 3 cents a bushel for it for an absorbent, but it is very often easily procured at saw-mills for nothing, as it is useless there and often a nuisance. For sheep-pens and pig-pens, when the young lambs and pigs are expected, sawdust is especially valuable. Straw entangles the helpless young creatures, which are often lost by being laid upon and crushed while thus held fast. This cannot happen when sawdust is used. It is also the best of bedding for calves, which require a very good absorbent and deodorizer to keep them clean. Now is the time to lay in a stock for the winter. Leaves are equally as good as sawdust, and where the farm has a wood lot the leaves should be closely gathered and stored in a dry place for use. This will leave the straw to be utilized for its most valuable purpose, viz., feeding.

Winter Management of Manure.

Just now an important matter for farmers to consider is the best way to dispose of the manure made now and through the winter. Some good farmers spread the manure upon the fields as it is made, or as soon as a wagon-load of it is accumulated. Where there is a manure cellar a wagon is run in under the trap-door of the manure gutter, and the gutter is emptied into the wagon-box. When it is full it is drawn to the field and the load is spread. This is convenient when a load can be gathered in one day. But a better plan is to use dry swamp-muck, leaves, and other such matters as absorbents, and mix them with the manure, and let the whole lie in the cellar to ferment and partly decompose, when it is certainly more available for the crops than when fresh. We think, too, it is better to spread the manure upon the fields and plow it in with lap-furrows, so that it is not buried, but mingled evenly with the soil, and when the surface is harrowed, becomes very perfectly incorporated with it. Besides, the manure gains while it is in the cellar undergoing decomposition. Fresh manure is not good for plants; it needs to be decayed and reduced to its mineral elements before plants can feed upon it. If well managed through the winter it is brought into this condition, and, while there is no actual increase of fertilizing matter in it, yet this is in a more readily available and useful state. And the farmer cannot afford to wait for this, for time is money with him, more, perhaps, than with any other man, for he has long enough to wait for the results of his work without needlessly extending the time.

In the experiments of Sir J. B. Lawes, of Rothamstead, England, he finds this year his experimental plot of manures planted for forty years on the same ground is much more thrifty than his main crop of thirty acres to which he applies both barn-yard manure and nitrate of soda. He attributes the superiority of the small plot to the fact that every weed was destroyed as soon as it became visible. In this wet season he believes the weeds in the main crop took more nitrogen than was supplied by the fertilizer applied. This is worth thinking of by farmers. Manure costs too much money to allow their neutralization from lack of clear culture.

Notes and Hints.

The National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association will hold their 11th annual convention, with an exhibit of dairy products, implements and machinery, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 4, 5, and 6.

The best breeds of hens for those who want non-sitters that will lay good-sized eggs are the Houdans, La Fleche, and Black Spanish. The best breeds for winter layers are the Asiatic. The best "general purpose" breed for the farmer is the Plymouth Rock.

The Pittsburgh Stockman suggests that too many farmers are inclined to put off many necessary jobs until the time comes when the necessity is made most apparent. Thus many leave all their draining and ditching until spring, when the ground is full of water, the worst and most inconvenient time for such work.

The pumpkin contains six or seven times as much water as either corn or oats; in a word, it is a food in a state of much greater dilution. Analysis proves that even if the pumpkin should be freed from its large percentage of water, corn and oats remain much more valuable as feeding stuffs. While pumpkins cannot be recommended as fat-producing material, they possess excellent milk-producing qualities, and being cheaply raised, may be counted as valuable food for milch cows.

The Indiana Farmer says that G. W. Lancaster, of Indianapolis, is the owner of Canna, a red roan cow bred by W. A. Dunn, Madison county, Ohio, calved April 19th, 1865, that has produced seventeen calves and has reared all of them. Ten of these calves have been sold for a total of \$5,520. Among them were the celebrated 9479 Barron Booth of Canna and Anamyllis, which sold for one thousand dollars each. The old cow is as vigorous at this time as ever, and promises to live many years yet.

The cost of storing ensilage is stated by a Wisconsin farmer as follows: "My ensilage last year, made of grass, cost me 80 cents a ton to put it in the silo. This season, in three and a half days, I put 125 tons of grass in my silo at a cost of \$71.75, or a fraction less than 57 cents per ton. At the rate of four tons of ensilage as an equivalent of a ton of hay, this would be equal to \$2.28 per ton of hay. I doubt if hay can be put up for less than this, and no doubt well-preserved ensilage is better than hay."

To remove paper labels from old bottles, wet the face of the label with water, and hold it for an instant over any convenient flame. The steam penetrates the label at once, and softens the paste.

Success with House Plants.

A lady whose beautiful plants are the delight of her life and the envy of all her acquaintances reveals the following secret of success: The soil is about two-thirds good garden soil, and the rest is sand. It is kept light and loose about the roots; they are watered as they appear to need it, and according to any particular rule; but the chief reason for their wonderful growth and bloom is this: "When any of the leaves wither and fall, instead of picking them up and throwing them away, I make little rolls of them, and tuck them down in the earth and let them decay; and this is the only fertilizer I have ever used." This, she added modestly, "seems to be nature's way. And the plants that have the afternoon sun, only, grow and rival those that have the morning sun."

Salt and Vinegar.

A French physician has been making some interesting experiments on the effects of condiments used with food. They show, among other things, that in cooking meat only an ounce of salt should be used with from six to twelve pounds of meat. It more is employed it will do one of two things: it will modify the structure of a portion of the muscular fibre, so as to render it more resistant to the action of the gastric juice, or it will check and retard the peptic fermentation, the very ground-work of digestion. It follows that salted and smoked meats are more indigestible than fresh. Vinegar, it appears, may be used with good effect, provided it is not in a quantity to irritate the stomach, and is a pure dilution of acetic acid, freed from sulphuric or hydrochloric acids, the latter of which, though an active principle of the gastric juice, must not be in excess in the stomach, or it will retard digestion.

Health Hints.

Never begin a journey until breakfast has been eaten.

Never take warm drinks and then immediately go out into the cold air.

Keep the back—especially between the shoulder blades—well covered; also the chest well protected.

In sleeping in a cold room, establish the habit of breathing through the nose, and never with the mouth wide open.

Recipes for the Table.

ROAST VEAL—Veal should be roasted twice as long as beef or mutton, and should be thoroughly basted while cooking, as the flesh is dry. An excellent addition to the meat gravy is two teaspoonsfuls of strained stewed tomato or a tablespoonful of tomato catsup; they should be heated together over the fire for a few minutes.

SPINACH—After boiling until it is tender, drain it by placing it on a sieve and taking care to have all the water drained out; then chop it quite fine and put it in a frying pan with a good lump of butter, some pepper and salt; serve it hot, with a little vinegar poured over it, and with hard boiled eggs cut in slices and arranged around the edge of the dish. Lemon juice may be used instead of vinegar, if you prefer it, and in that case send the lemon cut in halves to the table in a separate dish.

SWEET PICKLES—Wash, pare and take out the seeds of large, ripe cucumbers, but not too ripe, slice them in eight good sized pieces, put them in a pickling dish with vinegar enough to barely cover them, cook them slowly for half an hour; prepare another dish with three quarts of good elder vinegar, to which add three pounds of brown sugar, cinnamon, cloves and allspice to taste, skin out the pickles from the first dish and put them in the second, and cook slowly for half an hour. Sometimes it is necessary to scald the syrup once after putting away.

SNOW-BALL CUSTARD.—Boil the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth and sweeten with two tablespoonsfuls of fine sugar. Drop them by tablespoonsfuls into a kettle of boiling water for two minutes to stiffen them. Skin out into a glass dish. Take a quart of new milk, three tablespoonsfuls of sugar and the beaten yolks of six eggs, and stir in the yolks when the milk boils, having placed the pan in boiling water. Boil for eight minutes. Flavor with vanilla; when taken from the fire and cooled, strain over the snow-balls, and serve with frosted sponge cake.

CREME MERINGUE.—Boil in a pint of new milk the thinly cut rind of one lemon and four bitter almonds beaten to a pulp. Sweeten it with two tablespoonsfuls of sugar, and when boiled ten minutes strain upon half a pint of sweet cream, add the beaten yolks of four eggs and boil five minutes. Take from the fire and place in a dish of cold water. When cool strain into a deep dish. Beat the whites to a froth; mix with them three tablespoonsfuls of sugar; spread over the top of custard, place in the oven and brown on top lightly.

Hints for the Ladies.

All outside garments should fit as closely as possible.

The Slunker poke will be popular this winter for children.

White bonnets have gone entirely out of fashion for evening wear.

Jerseys continue as popular as ever, the black ones, especially, being very much worn.

The Ottoman brocades are being extensively made up for dinner and reception costumes.

Dark greens and rich browns are the favorite colors for tailor made dresses. The handsomest of these are braided.

Undyed beaver is very fashionable for trimming cloaks, and capes made of it are more stylish than those of any other fur.

Silver bangles are much more worn than gold ones. It is fashionable for the girl who owns a bracelet with bangles to have the monogram of each member of her family on each separate bangle.

Satin chemisettes, made with very full gathers or close plaitings, fill up the front of cashmere dresses in square, plastron shape just below the neck, or they extend to the point of the dress below the waist.

New ball dresses are of colored tulle, spotted with chenille. They are draped over satin of the same color, and have a low, sleeveless bodice, worn with a fichu of folded tulle. They are exceedingly pretty.

Black stockings, with the instep delicately embroidered, are the most fashionable to wear with slippers. White stockings have been worn by nobody in the fashionable world during the last two years except brides, but it is thought that they will be revived again.

The plain black silk is not nearly so popular as the Ottomans merveilleux and satin ruchades. If one wants to buy an economical black dress a good black satin is the best. We recently saw a black satin that had been worn for twenty-seven years, and it looked as if it might last twenty-seven more.

Facts are Stubborn Things.

Is there anything in any of the numerous advertisements of the Royal Baking Powder to show that the Royal does not use Ammonia and Tartaric Acid as cheap substitutes for Cream of Tartar? Or is there any charge, or the slightest intimation in those advertisements, that Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder contains anything but the purest Grape Cream of Tartar and Bicarbonate of Soda, with a small portion of flour as a preservative?

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SYMPOTMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.—Bad Breath; Pain in the Side, sometimes the pain is felt near the Shoulder-blade, mistaken for Rheumatism; general loss of appetite; Bowels generally constipated, sometimes alternating with lax; Liver, with great pain, is dull and heavy, with considerable loss of weight, sometimes with a painful sensation of leaping underneath something which ought to have been dead; a slight, dry cough flushed face is sometimes an attendant, often misinterpreted for rheumatism; the patient complains of weakness and debility, necessitating constant repose; the skin is pale, feverish, and feels cold or burning; sometimes a prickly sensation of the skin exists; spirits are low and despondent, and, although satisfied that exercise would be beneficial, yet one can hardly summon up fortitude to try it. These are the symptoms of a diseased liver, but the discoverer will be safe in assuming after death has shown the Liver to have been excessively deranged.

It should be used by all persons, old and young, whenever any of the above symptoms appear.

Persons Traveling or Living in Unhealthy Localities, by taking a dose of Simmons Liver Regulator in healthy condition, will avoid all Malaria, and other diseases, such as, Jaundice, Depression of Spirits, &c. It will invigorate like a glass of wine, but is no intoxicating beverage.

If you have eaten anything hard of digestion, or feel heavy after meals, or sleepless at night, take a dose and you will be relieved.

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DR. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, of Ga.—Has derived some benefit from the use of Simmons Liver Regulator, and wish to give it a further trial.

"The Only Thing that never fails to relieve" you have used many remedies for Dyspepsia, Liver Aches, &c., and nothing has ever found anything to benefit me, so I send you the new Simmons Liver Regulator. I sent 1 sent from Minnesota for it, and would send further for such a medicine, and would advise all who are similarly affected to try it as it seems the only thing that will help to relieve.

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DR. T. W. MURKIN says: From actual experience in the use of Simmons Liver Regulator in my practice I have been and am satisfied to use and prescribe it as a purgative medicine.

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SARAH JOHNSON.

late of Newport, R. I., deceased, intestate:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 10th day of Dec., 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this decree in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,
Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, November 19, 1883.

ON THE PETITION of Abbie R. Babcock, of Newport, in writing, presented this day, praying that she or some other suitable person may be appointed administrator on the estate of

ALICE R. BABCOCK.

late of Newport, R. I., deceased, intestate:

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ON THE PETITION, in writing, of Mary A. T. Read, presented this day, praying that an instrument in writing presented therewith, be admitted to be the last will and testament of

WILLIAM O. READ.

late of Newport, deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed and recorded, and that letters testamentary may be issued to her the said Mary A. T. Read, the executors named therein:

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ON THE PETITION, in writing, of Alice S. BETTS, presented this day, requesting that she now resides in Jamestown, and is a minor, over the age of 14 years, and, if the case is so, that she has chosen Lewis L. Simons, of said Newport, to be her guardian, and praying this court to approve of the said guardian so chosen by her:

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ON THE PETITION, in writing, of John W. Taylor, and Mary A. Taylor, of Newport, presented this day, representing that

ANNA JANE CAREY,

resides and has a legal settlement in said Newport, and is a person of sound mind, and one who from want of discretion in the managing of her estate is likely to bring herself to want, and to render herself chargeable, and praying that said John W. Taylor may be appointed guardian of the person and estate of said Anna Jane Carey:

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